

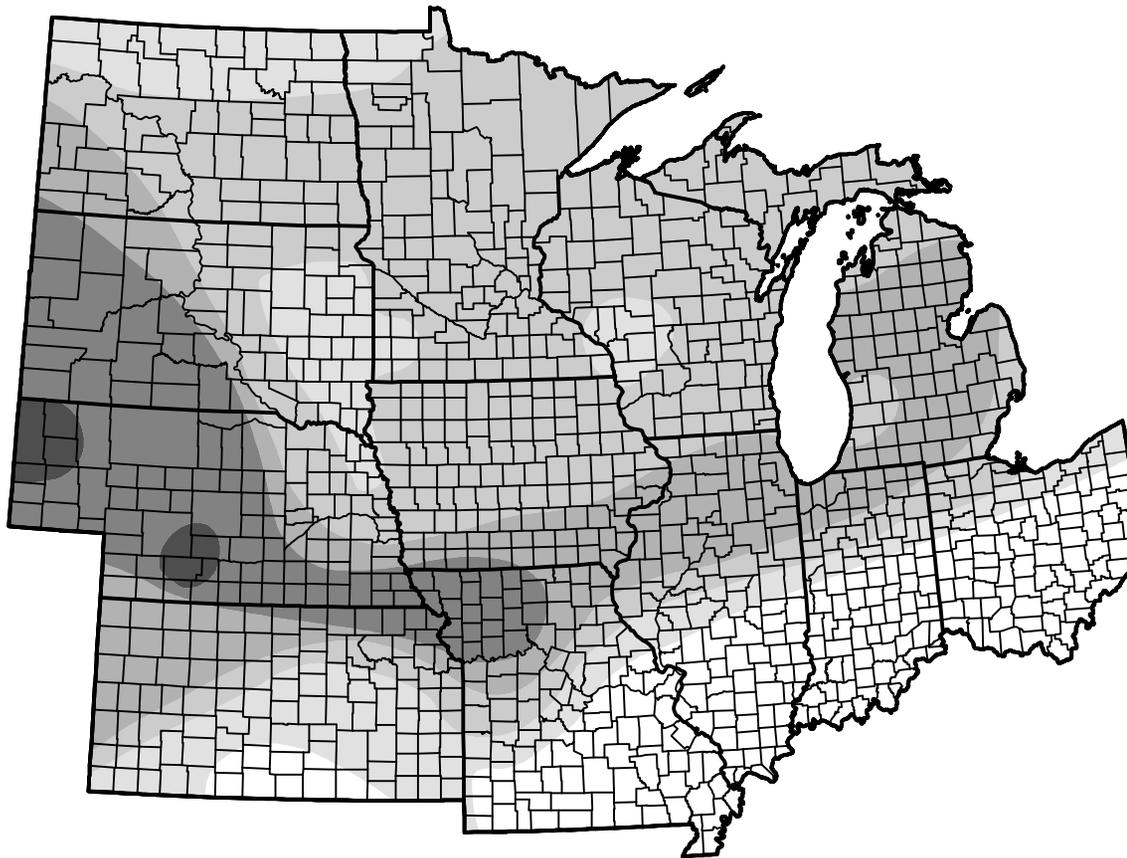
# U.S. Drought Monitor

## North Central States

**March 18, 2003**  
*(Released Thursday, Mar. 20, 2003)*  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	15.19	15.07	38.67	17.02	12.82	1.22
<b>Last Week</b> <i>03-11-2003</i>	14.11	31.21	23.42	17.22	12.83	1.20
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>12-17-2002</i>	37.93	21.86	19.53	11.43	8.83	0.43
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-31-2002</i>	35.62	24.00	18.70	11.38	9.80	0.49
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10-01-2002</i>	44.74	21.91	14.54	8.95	8.35	1.50
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>03-19-2002</i>	54.00	38.05	6.57	1.38	0.00	0.00



***Intensity:***



*The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>*

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